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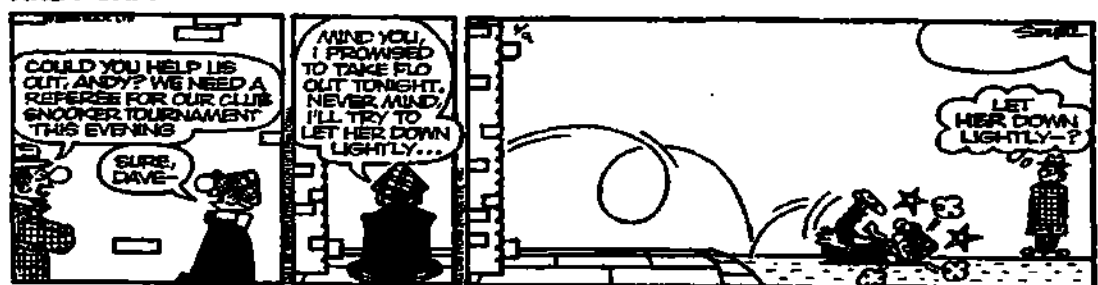
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



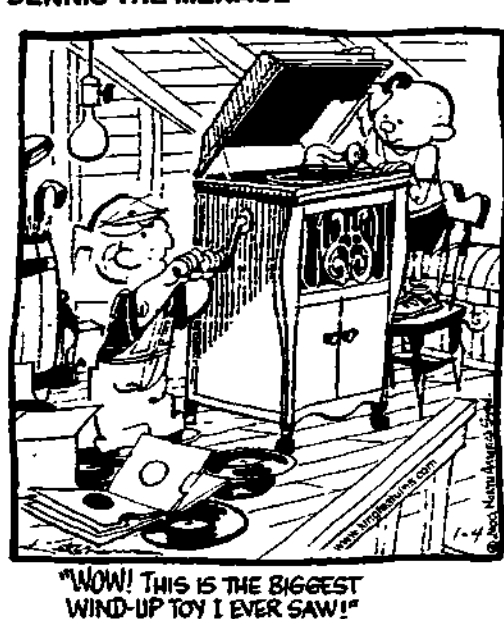
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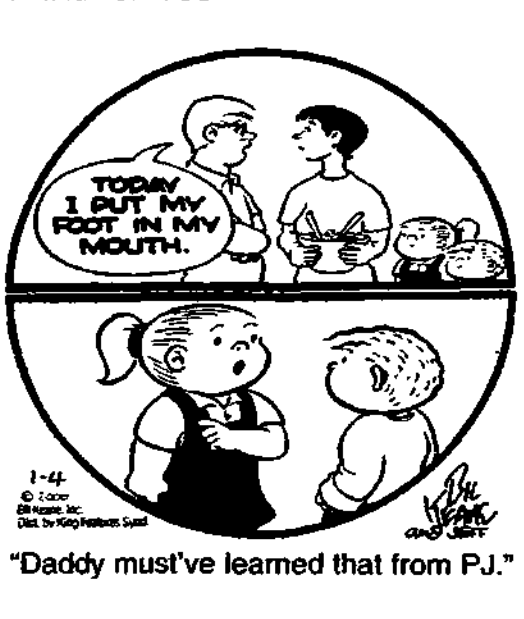
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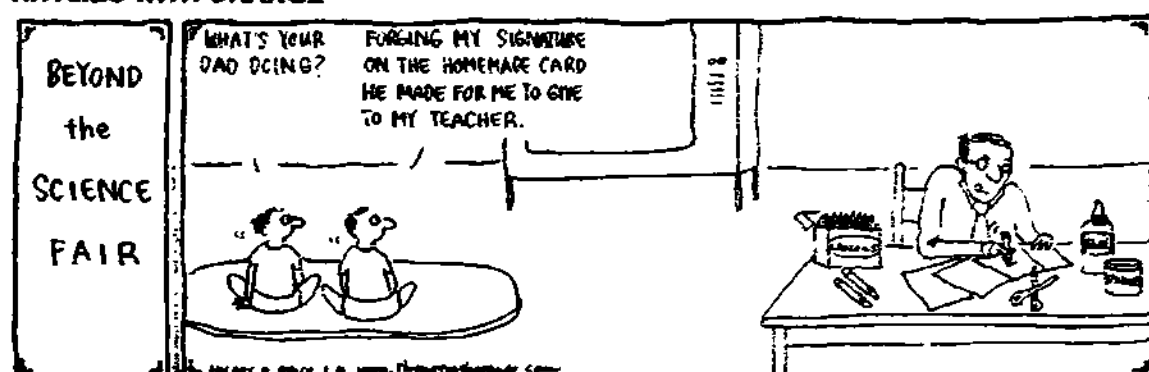
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Jane Wyman is 86.
Actress Barbara Rush is 73.
Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula is 70. Former heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is 65.
Actress Dyan Cannon is 63.
Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 63.
Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 45.
Actress Ann Magnuson is 44.
Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order) is 44.

I NEED HELP



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L	J	S	E	H	O	L	Triple Word Score
O	O	C	N	U	Y	J	Double Word Score
H	I	F	F	T	A	E	4th Letter Triple
E	I	T	D	N	P	S	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 130-140
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 1-400 © 2000, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Jan. 5
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As the moon moves through Sagittarius, this is a good time to try something new.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try not to be too self-righteous today. Taurus, especially when you're dealing with family members.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Today the outcome of the situation is up to you.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your social plans may have to be put on hold while you take care of business today.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Whether you're married or single, the time is right for romance today.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your responsibilities seem to take over your day as one crisis after another arises.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is a good time for you to concentrate on finishing current projects.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is the perfect time to explore new ideas and philosophies.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) This is a good day to expect the unexpected.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Even though it seems as if there weren't enough hours in the day to finish everything on the agenda, you somehow find a way.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a great time for you to make new friends and business associates.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) This isn't the right time to take the easy way out.

WORD SLEUTH

TASTY TOPPINGS

A I F D G A X V T Q O M J H F
C S A Y W N U S R P N L J H F
S D E B Z X I V T T R Q Y O M
K G I Z H R E T T U B E F D B
Z R N P A R M E S A N Y W V T
R A G I Q L H S O O P O N L K
I V H N S S G B H F R U C D C
A Y Z X I S W M V U S F R O R
Q O N L M C E U K J I H F Y C
E S E L K N I R P S E C U A S
D R B M A E R C D E P P I H W

Monday's unlisted clue: SOLOIST

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue: HINT: USED ON PANCAKES

Butter	Frosting	Icing	Sauces
Coconut	Glazes	Nuts	Sprinkles
Crumbs	Gravy	Parmesan	Whipped cream
Dressings	Honey	Relish	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Under the auspices of the IOC and the World Bridge Federation, an international tournament was held at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland, last fall. Featuring top teams of six countries, the event served as a proving ground for conducting an Olympic Bridge Tournament in future Winter Olympics. The Angelini Group Trophy was the grand prize. Today's hand features a crucial deal played in the Open Finals between Italy and Brazil. It contributed to an impressive Italian victory by a score of 140-85. When Brazil held the North-South cards, they elected to defend a doubled one-heart contract by West. Using Negative Doubles. North passed the one-heart overcall and then converted South's reopening double to penalties. West escaped with a modest two down, scoring dummy's club ace and managing four trump winners via timely ruffs and a trump endplay. In the replay, using complex methods, the Italians reached a reasonable diamond slam. It proved to be an "easy" one when diamonds behaved, and the club 10 conveniently dropped a doubleton. South took five diamonds, three spades, three clubs and a heart to total 12 winners for a 12-IMP gain.

NORTH
♠ Q 4
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ K Q 2
♣ Q 6 4

WEST
♠ 9 5 3
♥ K Q 10 8 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ 10 7

EAST
♠ J 10 8 6 2
♥ 7 4
♦ 7 6
♣ A 8 5 3

Vulnerable: Neither

Dealer: South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

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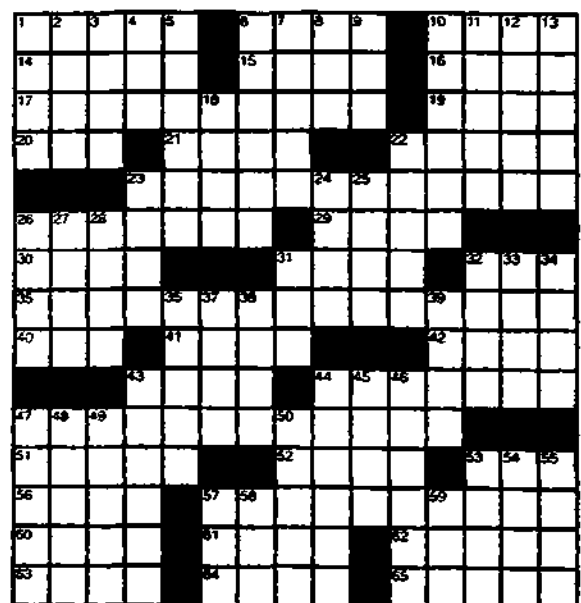
- 1 Best ____ (most excellent)
6 Entreaty
10 One of the Three B's
14 Boom box
15 Deli breads
16 Canyon comeback
17 Rookie pianists' duet
19 Get a move on
20 Infomercials, e.g.
21 Fork feature
22 N.F.L. no-nos
23 Fruity, flaky dessert
26 Breakfast nook
29 Allies' foe in W.W. II
30 Bright thought
31 Leprechaun's land
32 Krazy critter of the comics
35 Theme of this puzzle
40 Singer-songwriter Barrett
41 Study of the body: Abbr.
42 Stunning triumph
43 Like a bug in a rug
44 Adds on teapots
47 Jerry Garcia's band, with "the"
51 Wranglers alternative
52 Respond to a bore
53 Toothed tool
56 Current with hours
57 Seam finisher
60 Estrada of "Chips"
61 Poverty
62 Sworn ____
63 Pinhead
64 Dome covers?
65 Fills

DOWN

- 1 Killer whale
2 Saudi Arabian long
3 Tempests in teapots
4 Bit of insolence
5 Went ballistic
6 One who hopes to succeed?
7 French school
8 "A rat!"
9 Dummkopi
10 Intoxicates
11 Malfunction
12 Some like it hot
13 Gymnastics apparatus
18 Hair color
22 Barely visible
23 Nasty
24 Foa's mother
25 Lighted sign over a door
26 Claim-staker's claim
27 One way to stand by
28 Poverty

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FANG SLIP HASNT
OGEE HERA ERTIE
GEORGIAONMYWIND
YESMEN NAD FED
ALB SMALLERY
OPENTOE ASIA
PAL NPA FLUNK
TWOSELEPYPEOPLE
SHIPE SEL TEE
AWHO NEWBORN
STARDUST AAA
CHY ACH SARONG
HOAGYCARMICHAEL
MOLTO REIN OMIO
ONLOW SWAG PULP



Puzzle by Nancy Salomon

- 31 N.Y. winter hours
32 Fort ____ (gold site)
33 Fluish feeling
34 Sugar servings: Abbr.
36 Copenhageners
37 Adequate, informally
38 Prego rival
39 Topped a torte
43 Well lit?
44 Changes with the times
45 Part of CNN
46 1538 edict city
47 Stuck (on)
48 Copy, briefly
49 Steer clear of
50 Telling tales
53 Leave in
54 High point
55 Kids' questions
57 Internet letters
58 "Bali" ____
59 One ____ million

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